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- The recent press announcement regarding the formation of the Cominform at Belgrade, has allegedly produced the following opinions among members of the Ecuadorian Communist Party (PCE).
 - a. This Cominform is concerned with matters pertaining to the nine member countries and possibly to Europe in general.
 - b. The Cominform activities will have no immediate bearing on Communist Party activities in Latin America, but rather will give them direction and orientation in their propaganda programs against the United States.
 - c. The formation of such a Cominform indicated the Soviet Union's desire for closer collaboration among the Communist parties of various countries, and the possible formation of a similar group in Latin America.
 - d. An organization of this kind would aid materially in providing more intimate contact and coordination among the Latin American Communist parties.
 - e. A secret meeting is anticipated, at which time all Latin American Communist leaders will receive instructions from the International Headquarters regarding the program to be followed (see 25X1A2q
- 2. Although the announcement of the formation of the Cominform was received with enthusiasm in Communist circles, it was stated that the only tangible effect was the widening of the breach between the Ecuadorian Socialist Party and the PCE.

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